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1904

Teague s Point Road Property

Benedict vic.

Private

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Teague's Point Road Property
other

2. Location

street and number west side Teague's Point Road not for publication
city, town Benedict X vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harvey and Helen Naylor
street and number 6911 Taylor Manor Ave. telephone 301-274-3061
city, town Temple Hills state MD zip code 20748-4105

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 37 p.27
city, town La Plata liber 153 folio 1

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5 0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Teague's Point Road Property is a 98.55 acre farm in the Benedict vicinity that includes a two-story wood frame I-house (1), three 20th century tobacco barns (2-4), and a circa 1940 one-story cottage (5). The buildings are generally clustered together in an open clear area. A farm lane connects the house with agricultural buildings. A second lane that extends from the southeast property boundary at Teague's Point Road winds northward connecting open fields. The property is currently slated for residential development. Prior to being covered in stucco around the time the cottage was constructed in the 1940s, the dwelling (1) which was built in 1904, was typical of other local examples, including the characteristic decorative center-gable that dominated local building preferences in the first quarter of the 20th century.

To the northwest of the dwelling are three large tobacco barns. The northernmost barn (2) is in the poorest condition of the three that survive. Features include a gable roof sheathed in metal, vertical board siding, and a full-width shed extending along the west elevation. The second is a gambrel-roof structure (3) also with a shed roof extending from the east and west elevations. This barn appears to have accommodated a variety of purposes including equipment storage.

Finally, the third is a gable roof structure (4) with a shed extending from the east elevation. The most unusual feature of this barn is the presence of a stripping shed under the main tobacco barn floor, which created a form similar to a bank barn. All the barns as well as the dwelling have a northwest by southeast axis and appear to be oriented perpendicular to Teague's Point Road.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1904 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1904-

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Teague's Point Road Property is representative of agricultural properties found in Charles County during the first half of the 20th century. Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. While planters continued to rely heavily on tobacco cultivation, slave labor was replaced with various systems of tenancy or wage labor. Due to dwindling profits, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. In addition, Federal taxes levied by the "carpet-bag" government threatened landowners with the loss of their land. This lack of capital made it difficult for farmers to branch out into other agricultural and commercial pursuits.

The post-war period also marked the end of large farms. In 1870 there were 545 farms in Charles County. By 1900 that number had more than tripled at 1900 farms. Farm size continually decreased as large farms, containing over 500 acres, were divided. The most dramatic increase was seen in the number of farms under fifty acres, which more than doubled between 361 farms in 1880 and 728 farms in 1920.

The turmoil of the Reconstruction era continued in Charles County well into the 20th century. Because of these economic difficulties, population growth in the county stagnated between 1860 and 1920. The general economic decline, and later, stagnation that followed the Civil War is evident in the census figures between 1860 and 1890. By 1890, the number of county residents was nearly 1,400 less than in 1860. With little industry or profitable agriculture drawing new residents to the county during the post-Civil War era, many young Charles County residents moved away as they reached maturity. This economic stagnation is largely reflected in what survives of the built environment. Domestic architecture remained simple and unpretentious until after World War II.

Tobacco has been the single most important cash crop in Charles County since the area was initially settled in the 17th century. Throughout the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, Tobacco cultivation has remained an important part of Charles County's culture and economy. Because Maryland tobacco had lacked the slow burning quality sought after in cigars, local tobacco crops were generally exported to France and other European countries where stronger blends were preferred. After World War I, mechanization of the tobacco industry, led to mass produced and packaged cigarettes. Imported Arabic and Turkish tobaccos were replaced by Maryland tobacco after the war disrupted trade in 1914. Between 1915 and 1918 prices climbed from \$8.50 to \$30.00 a hundredweight. While fluctuating in the 1920's they remained higher than pre-war prices. In Charles County both the number of acres under cultivation with tobacco and the number of pounds of tobacco produced each year rose consistently between 1890 and 1930. In 1930 almost half, or 756 of Charles County farms included between 100 and 500 acres.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 98.55

Acreage of historical setting 98.55

Quadrangle name Benedict

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 37, Parcel 27.

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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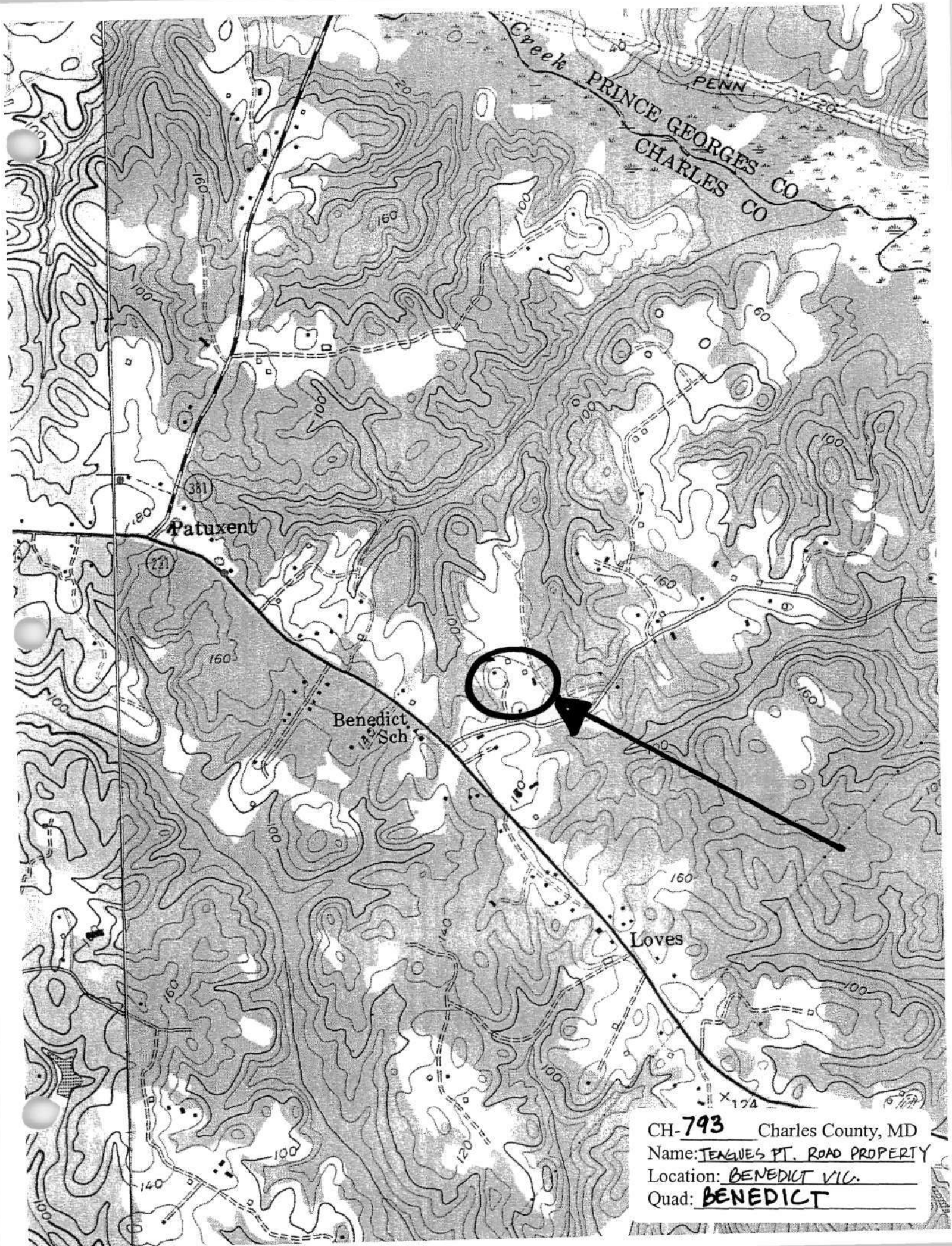
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